EDDIE ELEPHANT

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Where children tread—a rainbow glows;
Where children breathe—a zephyr blows;
Where children laugh—a flower grows;
Where children sing—a sunbeam shows.

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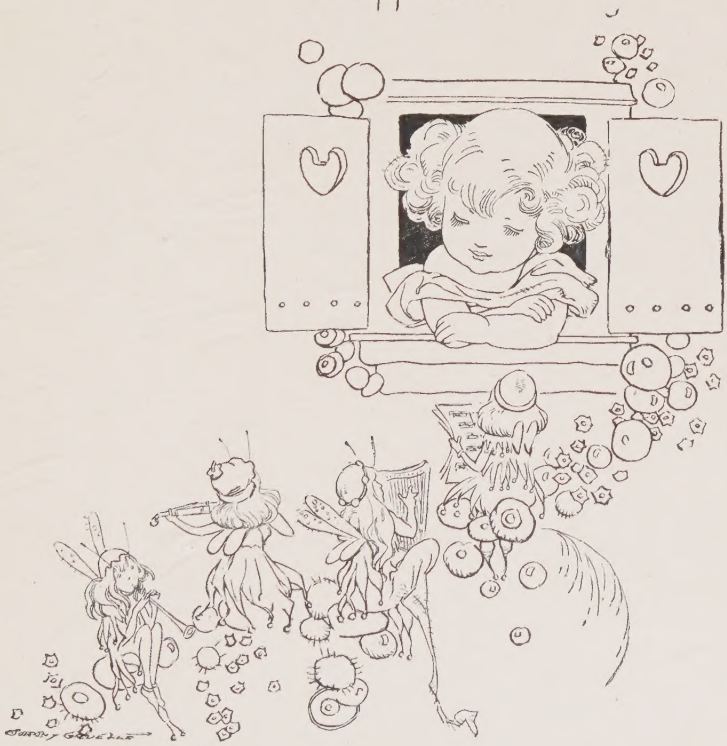
To
Betty Bigelow —

With a wish that the kindly fairies make of her life a continual song of sunny happiness



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Eddie Elephant had only six hairs growing out of his little round-topped head, but Mama Elephant parted them in the middle and placed Eddie's little hat squarely on the part. Then Mama Elephant kissed Eddie Elephant good-bye and stood out on the front porch and watched him run down the path.

Eddie Elephant was very happy as he ran down the path; he had on his nicest new clothes and he was going to spend the day with Gran'ma Elephant and that would be lots of fun.

Eddie Elephant ran down the path until he came to Jungleville.

Yes, there was Uncle Harry Hippopotamus standing in the doorway of his Bakery and when he saw Eddie Elephant coming towards him, Uncle Harry Hippopotamus smiled a great big cheery "Uncley" smile.

"Hello, Eddie Elephant!" laughed Uncle Harry Hippopotamus, "How nice you look."

"Good morning, Uncle Harry Hippopotamus!" said Eddie Elephant, "I have on my nicest new clothes, for I am going to Gran'ma Elephant's house to have a lot of fun and spend the day!"

"I am sure you will have lots of fun, Eddie Elephant!" said Uncle Harry Hippopotamus, as he took Eddie's hand and led him into the Bakery. "I wish you would try some of my

freshly baked cream puffs, Eddie Elephant; I am not sure whether they are sweet enough!"

Uncle Harry Hippopotamus filled a great sack with cream puffs and patted Eddie Elephant on the back. "You may get hungry on the way to Gran'ma Elephant's!" laughed Uncle Harry Hippopotamus.

Eddie Elephant ate six of the soft, fluffy cream puffs and they were very nice. "Thank you, Uncle Harry Hippopotamus!" said Eddie Elephant, "the cream puffs are just sweet enough!"

Uncle Harry Hippopotamus watched Eddie Elephant run down the street of Jungleville until he came to Cousin Katy Kangaroo's lovely Candy Store.

There were many clear glass cases filled with all sorts of nice candies and Eddie Elephant

always enjoyed going there, for Cousin Katy Kangaroo let him choose just whatever candies pleased him most.

Cousin Katy Kangaroo saw Eddie Elephant coming down the Jungleville street eating the last of the lovely cream puffs; so she went to the pretty colored marble soda fountain and had an ice cream soda all ready for Eddie Elephant as he walked into her Candy Store.

"Good morning, Eddie Elephant!" said Cousin Katy Kangaroo, "how nice you look!" "I have on my nicest new clothes!" said Eddie Elephant, after he had kissed Cousin Katy Kangaroo "good morning," "I am going over to spend the day with Gran'ma Elephant!"

Cousin Katy Kangaroo put two straws in the glass of soda water, as Eddie Elephant climbed upon the high stools at the counter. "I am not sure that this new flavor is sweet enough!"

"Oh yes, Cousin Katy Kangaroo, the flavor is just right!" said Eddie Elephant, as he drank all of the soda.

Then Cousin Katy Kangaroo let Eddie Elephant drink six more glasses of soda water, for, you know, the cream puffs had made him very thirsty. "Thank you very much, Cousin Katy Kangaroo!" said Eddie Elephant, "I must run along to Gran'ma Elephant's now!"

"I know you will have a nice time!" said Cousin Katy Kangaroo, as she filled a large sack with lovely candy and put a package of chewgum in Eddie Elephant's pocket.

"Thank you again, Cousin Katy Kangaroo!" Eddie Elephant cried, when he got to the end of the street and waved his hand to Cousin Katy Kangaroo.

Granny Elephant lived far away from Jungleville and to reach her home Eddie Elephant had to go through the woods and across a great clearing and follow a path through the jungle. The path led right to the center of the jungle and there stood Granny Elephant's house.

When Eddie Elephant came to the great clearing he met a little Cocoa-boy driving a pair of oxen.

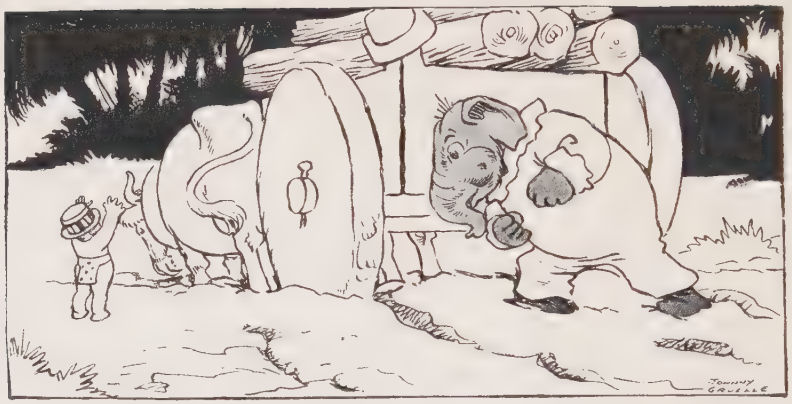
The oxen were hitched to a large cart with great round wheels and the cart was loaded heavily with great logs.

When Eddie Elephant came to where the little Cocoa-boy stood he saw that the load was so heavy the great wheels were deep in the mud and the oxen could not pull the cart.

Eddie Elephant said, "Good morning, little Cocoa-boy! Good morning, Oxen!" The little Cocoa-boy and the Oxen said, "Good morning, Eddie Elephant! We are stuck in the mud!"

Then Eddie Elephant gave the little Cocoa-boy and the Oxen each a lovely piece of candy, "When you have eaten that, perhaps you can pull the cart from the mud!" But when the little Cocoa-boy and the Oxen had eaten the lovely candy, they still could not pull the heavy cart from the mud.

"I guess it is too heavy for you!" said Eddie Elephant, as he hung his sack of candy on a bush so the ants would not get in it.



Eddie Elephant took off his pretty little hat and put it on the cart; then he placed his head at the back of the cart and pushed and pushed.

The little Cocoa-boy "Clicked" to the oxen and they pulled and pulled.

And Eddie Elephant pushed and pushed, until presently the cart began to move and the great wheels cried, "Squeekity-squeekity-squeek," and the cart with its heavy load moved out of the mud across the clearing to the good road.

"Thank you very much, Eddie Elephant!" said the little Cocoa-boy.

"You are welcome!" said Eddie Elephant.

"Thank you, Eddie Elephant!" said the two oxen. "You are welcome!" said Eddie Elephant.

"I wish that I had something nice in my pocket to give you for helping us!" said the little Cocoa-boy. Eddie Elephant and the oxen laughed at this, for, you see, the little Cocoa-boy only had his brown skin for clothes.

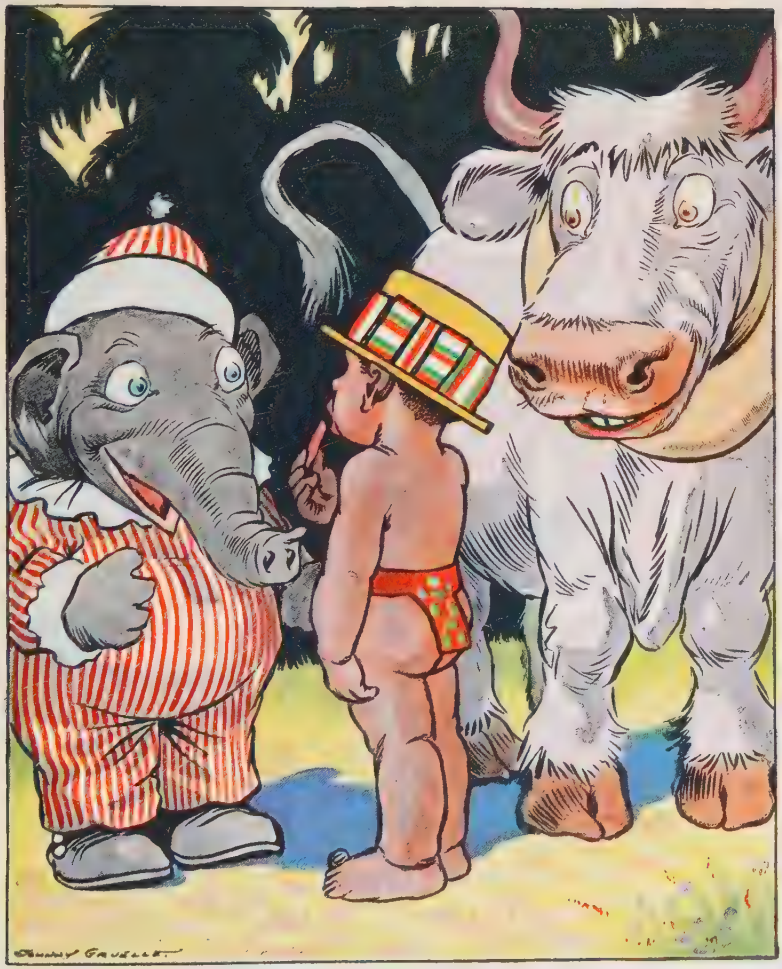
"It was fun to help you!" said Eddie Elephant. "I do not expect you to pay me!"

Eddie Elephant gave the little Cocoa-boy and the Oxen a large stick of chew-gum apiece. The little Cocoa-boy parted Eddie Elephant's hair, for he had mussed it when he pushed on the cart. And Eddie Elephant left the little Cocoa-boy and the Oxen and the heavy

cart, and ran across the clearing to the path through the jungle.

Eddie Elephant walked when he came to the path leading to Granny Elephant's house in the center of the jungle, for there were so many things to see along the path.

Lovely birds with feathers of all colors flew across the path and swung from the great vines hanging from the trees. They called to Eddie Elephant as he passed, and sang pretty songs.



Eddie Elephant stopped whenever he came upon pretty flowers and picked a large bouquet for Granny Elephant.

And where the path led along the river, Eddie Elephant stopped to say "Hello!" to Christopher Crocodile and Alonzo Alligator, for Eddie Elephant always saw them when he went to visit Granny Elephant.

Christopher Crocodile and Alonzo Alligator were sitting on a log, smoking their pipes.

"What do you think, Eddie Elephant?" said Christopher Crocodile and Alonzo Alligator. "The strangest thing went up the river a while ago and upon its back were three or four men! What do you think it could be?"

"Did it make a noise like this—'CHUG-CHUG-PUT-PUT?'" asked Eddie Elephant.

"Yes, Eddie Elephant!" said Christopher Crocodile and Alonzo Alligator. "Then it was

a boat," said Eddie Elephant. "Sure enough!"

After they had talked and laughed a while, Eddie Elephant left Christopher Crocodile and Alonzo Alligator and walked along the path towards Granny Elephant's house and soon he came to where a great many monkeys lived in the tree tops.

But all the monkeys were away somewhere and Eddie Elephant did not see even old Grandpa Monkey, who usually stayed at home when the others went away.

Eddie Elephant thought this very strange and he said so out loud.

So Eddie Elephant started running along the path, and soon he came to where all the monkeys sat crying.

"Dear me!" said Eddie Elephant. "What is the trouble?"

"They have taken little Mabel Monkey and little Mandy Monkey and little Mickie Monkey and little Maurice Monkey, and carried them away!" all the monkeys cried.

Eddie Elephant knew the monkeys were talking of the men in the boat; so he ran "Klumpity-Klumpity-Klumpity" down the path as fast as he could go, in the direction the men had taken, until he came to where four of the men were eating.

When Eddie Elephant came "Klumpity-Klumpity-Klumpity" right up to them, the men dropped everything and ran to their boat.

Eddie Elephant ran after them and made as much noise as he could, but he could not catch them, for the men jumped into their boat.

Eddie Elephant had to chuckle to himself as he walked back to where the men had been eating their dinner, for they had cut such funny antics when Eddie Elephant surprised them.

But when Eddie Elephant reached the place where the men had been eating their dinners, he saw little Mabel Monkey and little Mandy Monkey and little Mickie Monkey and little Maurice Monkey in a cage, and their little monkey faces were wet with tears. Eddie Elephant knew how he would have felt if someone had carried him away from his dear Mama Elephant; so he unfastened the cage and after wiping all their eyes with his pocket hanky with the little blue border, Eddie Elephant put Mabel Monkey and Mandy Monkey and Mickie Monkey and Maurice Monkey on his back and, telling them to hold tight, he ran "Klumpity-Klumpity-Klumpity" back down the path to where all the monkeys sat crying.

When the monkeys saw Eddie Elephant returning so fast, they thought the men must be after him; so they all scampered into the tree tops.

But when they saw Eddie Elephant with Mabel Monkey and Mandy Monkey and Mickie Monkey and Maurice Monkey on his back, they hurried down and gathered around him.

"Thank you, Eddie Elephant!" said Mabel Monkey's Mama.

"You are welcome!" said Eddie Elephant.

"Thank you, Eddie Elephant!" said Mandy Monkey's Mama.

"You are welcome!" said Eddie Elephant.

"Thank you, Eddie Elephant!" said Mickie Monkey's Mama.

"You are welcome!" said Eddie Elephant.

"Thank you, Eddie Elephant!" said Maurice Monkey's Mama.

"You are welcome!" said Eddie Elephant.

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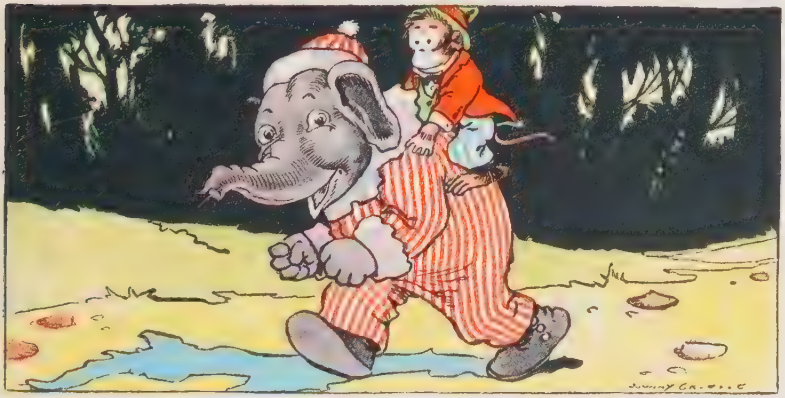
Then all the Monkeys said, "Thank you, Eddie Elephant!" and Eddie Elephant said, "You are welcome!"

And all were very happy again.

Then when Eddie Elephant said good-bye to all the monkeys, Grandpa Monkey whispered to the other monkeys and they nodded their heads.

Then Grandpa Monkey said to Eddie Elephant, "We wish to give you something for helping us!"



"I do not expect you to do that!" said Eddie Elephant, "I helped you because one should always help those who are in trouble and I am very glad that I could make you all happy."

"Yes, yes, we know how kind you are, Eddie Elephant!" said Grandpa Monkey. "But just the same, we wish to give you something; so I will show you the way, if you will take me upon your back, to a place known only to the monkeys, and you must promise never to show the place to anyone else!"

"Then I promise!" said Eddie Elephant, as he took Grandpa Monkey upon his back.

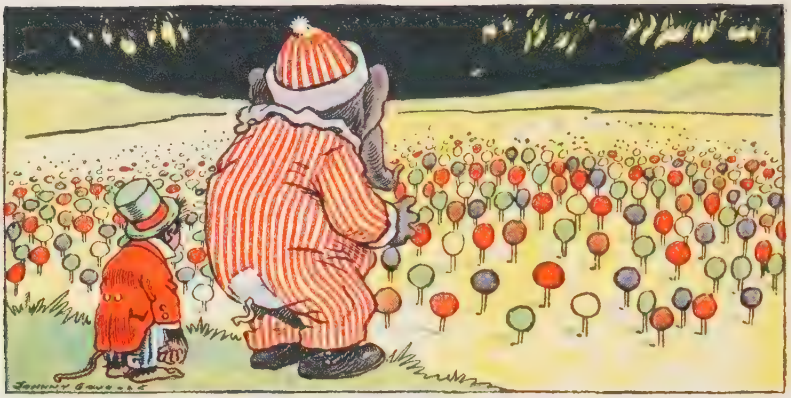
Grandpa Monkey pointed the way to Eddie Elephant and soon they came to a field. Eddie Elephant stopped in surprise when he saw the field, for he had never known there was a field there. Everywhere were colored flowers. Red

and white and green and yellow and pink and black flowers growing upon slender stalks.

But when Eddie Elephant walked close to the flowers, he knew in a second that they were not flowers. They were lollypops growing wild.

The red lollypops were strawberry flavor, the white ones were vanilla flavor, the green ones were lime flavor, the yellow ones were lemon flavor, the pink ones were cherry flavor, and the black ones were licorice flavor.

Now if there was anything that Eddie Elephant liked, it was lollypops; so when Grandpa Monkey told Eddie Elephant to help himself, Eddie Elephant filled all his pockets with the pretty lollypops. And Grandpa Monkey filled his pockets with lollypops, too, for he wanted to take them back to Mabel and Mandy and Mickie and Maurice Monkey.



Then Grandpa Monkey went over to one side of the field and showed Eddie Elephant a barn.

"Stay here and shut your eyes tightly and do not open them until I tell you!" said Grandpa Monkey.

Eddie Elephant could hardly keep from peeping just a little bit, but he didn't.

Soon Grandpa Monkey said, "Open your eyes!"

You probably would never guess what the

surprise was that Grandpa Monkey had for Eddie Elephant; so I must tell you.

When Eddie Elephant opened his eyes he saw the loveliest blue, shiny bicycle with rubber tires and nickel-plated wheels and a little bell which went, "TINKLE-TINKLE," when it was touched.

Eddie Elephant thanked Grandpa Monkey over and over again and he carried the pretty blue bicycle to the path and with Grandpa Monkey upon his back, Eddie Elephant rode the bicycle back to where the Monkeys all sat waiting.

Eddie Elephant was very, very happy and he gave every monkey a lollypop and did not mind in the least when he had none left for himself.

Then Eddie Elephant thanked the Monkeys all again and rode his pretty blue, shiny bicycle down the path towards Granny Elephant's house.

The farther Eddie Elephant rode his pretty blue, shiny bicycle down the path, the faster he could make it go, and he tinkled his bell at every bend so that he would not bump into anyone who might be coming along.

And so Eddie Elephant went skimming along until he came to where Bertram Buffalo lived. Bertram Buffalo lived with his Mama all alone in the jungle, and did not have a nice Grandma to go spend the day with, as did Eddie Elephant. Nor did Bertram Buffalo have a nice Uncle Harry Hippopotamus who owned a Bakery filled with cookies and pies and fluffy cream puffs. Nor did Bertram Buffalo have a nice Cousin Katy Kangaroo who owned a lovely Candy Store with clear glass counters filled with candy and a lovely marble soda fountain. Bertram Buffalo had only three cocoa-nuts to play with and had never even tasted ice cream, so you may know

how poor Bertram Buffalo's Mama must have been.

"Hello, Eddie!" said Bertram Buffalo.

"Hello, Bertram!" said Eddie Elephant.

"You have a very pretty blue, shiny bicycle with nickel-plated handle-bars and a bell which goes, 'TINKLE-TINKLE!'" said Bertram.

Eddie Elephant jumped from his nice blue, shiny bicycle and said, "You may ride it, Bertram Buffalo!" And he helped Bertram Buffalo upon the pretty blue, shiny bicycle and showed him how to make it go.

Bertram Buffalo rode the bicycle awhile and Eddie Elephant rode it awhile, and they had lots of fun taking turns.

Eddie Elephant knew he should be getting along towards Grandma Elephant's home, for he still had a long way to go, but Bertram

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Buffalo liked to ride the pretty blue bicycle so well, Eddie Elephant did not like to take it away.

"I tell you what, Bertram Buffalo," said Eddie Elephant, "I would like to give you the pretty blue, shiny bicycle with the rubber tires, the nickel-plated handle-bars and the little bell which says, 'TINKLE-TINKLE!'"

Bertram Buffalo's eyes sparkled with happiness, but then he said, "It is a very, very pretty, blue, shiny bicycle, Eddie Elephant, and I would love to have it to play with, but if you give it to me, you would not have it to enjoy yourself!"

"It is yours, Bertram Buffalo!" said Eddie Elephant, "take it in and show it to your Mama!"

So Bertram Buffalo rode the pretty blue, shiny bicycle with the rubber tires and the nickel-

plated handle-bars and the little bell which said, "TINKLE-TINKLE," around the side of his house to where Mama Buffalo was doing the neighbor's washing. And as soon as Bertram Buffalo turned the corner of his house, Eddie Elephant ran down the path until he came to the center of the jungle and Granny Elephant's home.

Granny Elephant heard Eddie Elephant singing long before he came in sight and she ran out to the front gate to meet him.

Eddie Elephant put his arms around Granny Elephant and told her all about his adventures.

Granny Elephant kissed him and said, "You are a nice kindly little elephant, Eddie Elephant, and I am so glad you came to see Granny and that you helped your friends who were in trouble. Even if kindly Grandpa Monkey had given you nothing, you would have had the pleasure of

knowing you had given the Mama monkeys happiness. And after all, you did the kindest thing when you gave what you liked best of all to little Bertram Buffalo!"

"I know it was nice, Granny," said Eddie Elephant, "for while I wanted the pretty, blue shiny bicycle with the rubber tires and the nickel-plated handle bars and the little bell which said, 'TINKLE-TINKLE,' when you touched it, still when I gave it to Bertram Buffalo, I felt all tingly with happiness inside!"

Then Granny Elephant led Eddie Elephant into the dining room where she had just prepared dinner, and as Eddie Elephant had had a long happy journey that morning he was very, very hungry. Eddie Elephant ate twenty palm leaf pies, fifty-seven jelly tarts, ninety-six fluffy doughnuts, twenty boiled ostrich eggs and a lot of bread and butter.

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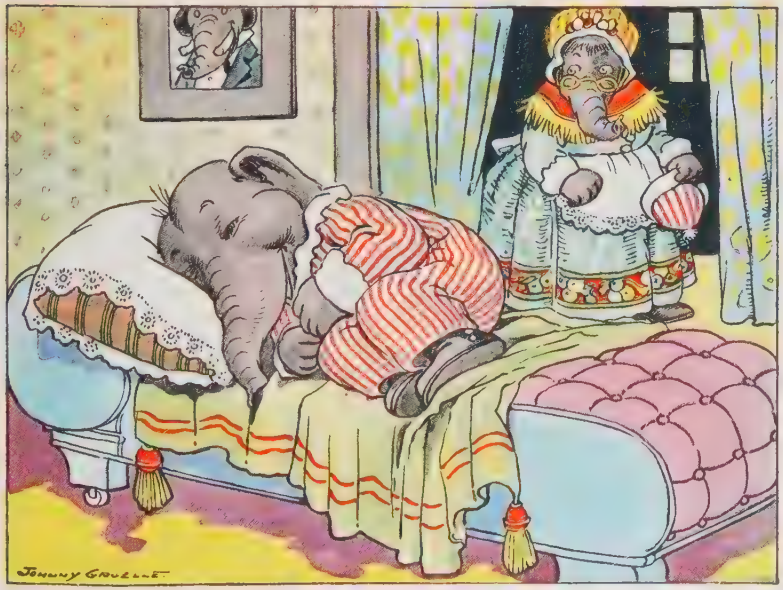
While eating, he fell asleep, sitting in the chair. Granny Elephant carried little Eddie Elephant to the couch and made him quite comfortable, and then she went about her work, singing softly to herself so as not to disturb the pleasant dreams that floated through the little round head of kindly little Eddie Elephant.



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